

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lighting device having a selectively changeable shape. Such lighting device includes a flexible lighting element and an adjustable shape-retaining element 5 coupled to the flexible lighting element which can be mounted in a transparent or translucent flexible covering.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the flexible lighting element is mounted in a flexible covering including the adjustable shape-retaining element. Preferably, the flexible covering is transparent or translucent.

10 According to one embodiment of the invention, the flexible lighting element includes a rope light.

According to another embodiment, the adjustable shape-retaining element is a metal wire.

15 According to another embodiment of the invention, the adjustable shape-retaining element includes shapeable wires incorporated in at least part of the flexible covering.

There is also provided a method for providing a shapeable lighting device, the method including coupling an adjustable shape-retaining element to a flexible lighting element.

20 According to one embodiment of the invention, the method further includes mounting the flexible lighting element in a transparent or translucent flexible covering.

According to another embodiment of the invention, the step of coupling includes providing an adjustable shape-retaining element in the flexible covering.